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AGAWAM MOTOR LODGE

Health Dept., owner mum on motel inspections

Officials cite 'due process of law,' but say there's no court date

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Town officials this week said they can't comment on health and fire code violations at the Agawam Motor Lodge, but also said the town hasn't taken any formal legal action against the Suffield Street motel.

"Right now, we cannot comment on the situation," said Patrick Tooney, the town's assistant solicitor, on Tuesday. "We are following through with the process required by law. However, there is not a pending court date."

The motel, which is still open, was cited by health and fire inspectors during a June 10 visit for violations such as soiled carpets, non-functioning smoke detectors in many of the rooms, a cockroach infestation, and numerous pieces of furniture soiled. There was also a report of bedbugs from Springfield residents who stayed there.

The city gave the owner of the building, Chulho Yoo, about a month to remedy the violations before another inspection would be performed. Yoo did not respond to a phone call seeking comment this week.

According to city records filed with the solicitor's office, a follow-up fire inspection was conducted June 25. That inspection found that the motel still needed to improve its fire alarm system and clear debris from stairwells.

All other issues, including the smoke detectors, had been addressed. Fire Inspector Jacob Dushane conducted that inspection. Deputy Chief B.J. Calvi had conducted the first inspection.

The second report stated that the fire alarm inspection should be made within two weeks, but this week the town's Law Department said they have no follow-up report on file.

The town's health inspector, Randall White, conducted a follow-up inspection as scheduled on July 6, but said he did not file a formal report from that visit.

White's first inspection, on June 10, yielded numerous deficiencies through the state sanitary code. He said carpeting must be replaced in all but one room.

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STEM EDUCATION

SCIENCE IN THE SUMMER



From left, Emily Allen, Noah Carra, Kaylee Randall and Quinn Miller use a magnifying glass to get a closer look at a wild mushroom during a nature scavenger hunt at summer science camp. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

'Awesome' camp combines academics and fun

By Mike Lydick
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Nearly 30 Agawam elementary students got the opportunity to build, invent, and explore a variety of science and engineering activities during a summer "camp" at Robinson Park School.

Each day during the two five-day sessions at the school, students "discovered" new science adventures: constructing bird nests, launching rockets, building soap-powered boats, conducting a geometry scavenger hunt, taking nature hikes, measuring the pH of soil and the diameter of tree trunks, and making motion puppets.

Noah Carra, who will be a fourth grader this fall, wants to be an engineer when he grows up. He learned a valuable science lesson that will help him as

an engineer.

"I like constructing things and I learned that things need to be balanced to make a building stand up," said the 10-year-old.

"This is academics with fun. It's like summer camp, but with learning," said Tammy Rumprik, who launched the science camp for kindergarteners through fourth graders three years ago. "The goal is to excite kids about science and engineering by doing fun, hands-on activities and by exploring nature in a relaxed setting."

The number of students attending the camp has grown each year. About a dozen students attended the first year, while 30 students attended the camp this year. Rumprik ran two sessions this year, one the week of July 6 and the other the week of July 10. Each session offered different activities for the 10 to 15 students who attended one or both sessions. A \$170 fee for each session covered the cost to

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CITY COUNCIL

Golf budget ends in surplus

Council must decide whether \$22K goes to repayment or reserve

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For only the second time in two years, the Agawam Municipal Golf Course has a fiscal year surplus of funds.

It will be up to the City Council to determine whether that money stays in the golf budget, becoming a reserve fund to cover future shortfalls or emergencies, or whether it will be taken immediately to pay down the hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of loans that the town's free cash

and general funds have made to the golf course enterprise budget over the past two years.

That aid has included \$300,000 for new golf carts in 2014, \$70,000 for a new lawnmower last month and \$22,000 to cover an operating budget shortfall last year. The bailouts prompted the City Council to establish a subcommittee to investigate the municipally owned course's business practices. The council also passed amendments to its spending authorizations requiring that they be repaid out of any golf course profits.

Mayor Richard Cohen said there may not be enough time to repay the entire amount.

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EDIBLE WILD PLANTS

Town native shows how weeds can feed

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Keeping a tidy vegetable garden, for most people, means pulling out salsify and other weeds, those worthless thieves of precious soil, water and nutrients.

Rich Giordano pulls wild salsify, too. Then he cooks it like carrots and eats it — a free, nutritious dish.

"The weeds they pull out of the garden, a lot of them are better for you than what they're growing," he said. "You don't need to spend any money if you know



Rich Giordano holds up a red oak leaf from a tree beside the library parking lot: "probably the least palatable of the oak trees — but it is edible." TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

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Jubilee Riots, formerly known as Enter the Haggis, will perform July 29 at the SummerFest concert in School Street Park. SUBMITTED PHOTO

‘Haggis’ is back with new name

Taking center stage at the next SummerFest concert scheduled for Wednesday, July 29, at 7 p.m. at School Street Park in Agawam, is the Northern Roots rock band Jubilee Riots. Under its former name, Enter the Haggis, the band released seven studio albums and toured internationally.

“We toured and recorded as Enter the Haggis for a long time, but that name no longer represents the music that we’re making,” said band member Craig Downie.

The band has been a 10-year mainstay of the Agawam summer concert series. This year’s tour, which includes stops in Canada and Europe, coincides with the release of the album

“Penny Black,” dedicated to the band’s fans.

Inspired by years of touring, meeting people, and sharing stories over late night drinks at the bar, Jubilee Riots decided it was high time to dedicate an album to the fans, their joys and sorrows; the defining moments of their lives. The band put out the call for people around the world to submit their stories as inspiration for the upcoming album. The catch was, the stories had to be hand-written and snail-mailed. The response was massive. Nearly 900 pages of letters came in from all four corners, from the band’s native Canada to locales as far-flung as Japan and Australia, each bearing the weight of one person’s story.

The album is marked by a juxtaposition of upbeat party grooves with meaningful, human-hearted lyrics.

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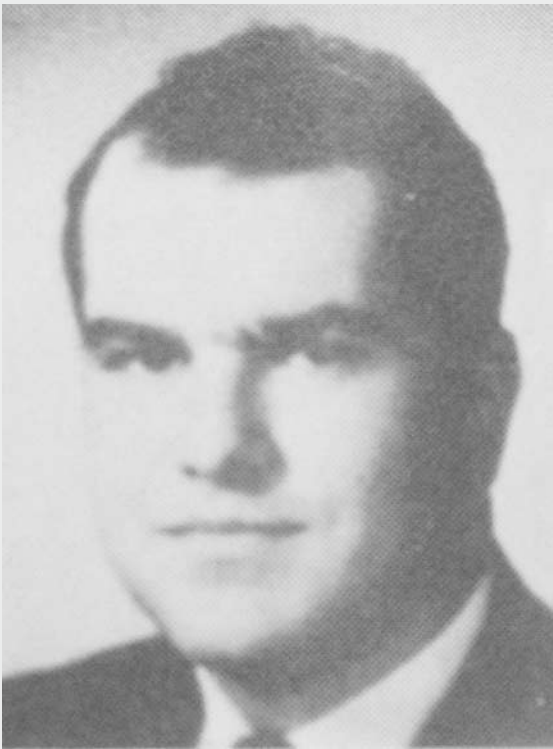
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Last week's photo: Correctly identifying Robert Rivers, Una Dobek, Jim O'Keefe and Pat Borgatti.

Peace activist to speak at library

Frances Crowe, pacifist, advocate for peace and justice and a Quaker, will be the guest speaker at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. on Monday, Aug. 3, at 7 p.m. The topic of her discussion will be her recently published memoir, "Finding My Radical Soul."

Born in 1919, Crowe began her lifelong commitment for peace and justice in Carthage, Mo., when girls were denied access to athletic facilities. Since then, she has protested against nuclear arms, the Vietnam War, apartheid in Africa

and the invasions and occupations of Afghanistan and Iraq. She has been arrested and jailed many times for her beliefs and actions.

The event, which is part of the Adult Summer Reading Program, is sponsored by the Agawam Center Library Association, Massachusetts Cultural Council, Massachusetts Library System, Boston Bruins, Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and CSLP.

Registration is required. Call 413-789-1550, ext. 4, or visit www.agawamlibrary.org.

Washington-traveled Main Street now part of national Purple Heart Trail

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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The Agawam City Council has proclaimed Main Street a part of the Purple Heart Trail, a designation that adds to the honor of the George Washington Memorial Highway.

During the Revolutionary period, George Washington twice traveled through Main Street in Agawam en route to Boston. The first time was as a general in the Revolutionary War, and then a second time when he was the first president of the United States.

Mayor Richard Cohen, who sponsored the request to make the designation, said it befits Main Street, especially because the road, which is also known as Route 159, passes by so many other places that honor veterans.

Along Main Street are the Veterans Green with the town's war memorial. The memorial has names of Agawam residents that served in every conflict the United States has been involved in. The Agawam Fire Department's main station has a memorial honoring those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001.

The Agawam Senior Center, where many veterans gather, and the Massachusetts Memorial Veterans Cemetery are also located on Main Street.



The George Washington Memorial Highway plaque at Main and Federal streets will be joined, later this year, by signs proclaiming Route 159 to be a "Purple Heart Trail." TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

The purpose of the Purple Heart Trail is to create a symbolic and honorary system of roads, highways, bridges and other monuments that give tribute to the men and women who have been awarded the Purple Heart medal.

According to Brian Willette, who represents the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the designation is honorary only, and does not require any changes to the name of the street.

"This is simply a gesture by the community to honor those through the National Purple Heart Trail system who have made the supreme sacrifice and those who have made the bodily sacrifice and received the

Purple Heart," said Willette.

There will be signs placed along Main Street so residents know it is part of the trail. Each sign costs about \$100 and will be paid for by sponsorships from veteran and civic organizations, Willette says. There are also some individual donations made to honor Agawam residents who have been killed or wounded in battle.

Willette says sponsorships are still being sought for more signs on Main Street, and a similar process is underway in Holyoke.

Cohen said he designated the town of Agawam a Purple Heart Community more than a year ago. That designation was needed in order to move forward with having Main

Street declared as a part of the Purple Heart Trail.

He is said the town is honored to have Main Street be a part of the Purple Heart Trail.

"So many people have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom," said Cohen. "And with all the places that honor veterans along that road, it is very fitting that Main Street is now a part of the trail. Freedom is not free and the price of our freedom can be seen at the Veterans Cemetery."

With the Purple Heart Trail designation now approved, signs will be going up on the road. As of press time, Cohen was not able to say how many signs would be going up.

St. John's to host 'West Side Story' trip

St. John's Travelers will host a bus trip to the MacHaddyn Theater in Chatham, N.Y., Thursday, Aug. 6, for a performance of "West Side Story." Cost is \$90 per person and includes roundtrip deluxe motor coach and a

sit-down luncheon.

The bus will depart from St. John's Church, 833 Main St., Agawam, at 10 a.m. and will return at 6:30 p.m. For reservations, call Emile Cote at 413-335-9440.

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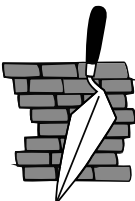
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Blades, the Boston Bruins mascot, at a December 2010 hockey game. FLICKR.COM PHOTO BY DAN4TH NICHOLAS

Meet Blades at library on Aug. 4

Blades, the mascot of the Boston Bruins hockey team, will visit the Children's Room at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., from 2-3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4. Agawam's is one of a small number of libraries that Blades will

visit this summer.

The event will include a story time, craft and a chance to meet the famous bear. Space is limited and registration is required. To register, visit www.agawamlibrary.org or call 413-789-1550, ext 3.



The Future Medical Career Club at AHS shows off the donations made by AHS students and staff to the Make-A-Wish Foundation on June 17. Pictured from left are, back row, Peggy Wheble, Alex Amato, Maddy Gabel, Karina Demchuk, Erin Berthiaume, Jaden Luke and Cathy Gomes; and front row, Sammi Swistak, Melina Reid, Abigail Heinemann, Daphne Gauthier and Kiana Eaton. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Star sales raise \$300 for Make-A-Wish

At the end of this school year, the Future Medical Career Club at Agawam High School started its annual fundraiser for the Make-

A-Wish Foundation. This foundation provides sick children the opportunity to make a wish, and is something that the students and

staff in the FMCC really believe in. They were able to raise over \$300 this year by selling stars for \$1 that are hung in the main hallway.

Thankful for all the selfless donations, they hope to continue the tradition for many years to come.

CAMPUS NOTES

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute: Dominick Groux, of Agawam; and Victoria Walker and Emily Walters, of Feeding Hills, were named to the spring semester dean's list.

Rochester Institute of Technology: Samantha Abraham, of Agawam, graduated at ceremonies held recently. Samantha Abraham, Ryan Castonguay, Benjamin Labelle and Kenny Ung, of Agawam, were named to the spring semester dean's list.

Roger Williams University: Shavon Ennis, of Agawam, graduated at ceremonies held recently.

University of Massachusetts Amherst: Chiyung Wong, Christopher P. Camp, Collin S. Langlois, Courtney L. Pilon, Dalton T. Alves, David R. Cotrone, Emily Hartmann, Jesse Armfield, Joseph E. Cecchi, Samantha M. Cloud, Shaylene J. Riley, Stepha-

nie M. Karrasch, Thomas D. Moore and William C. Howe, of Agawam; and Abigail E. Asselin, Amanda E. Burton, Briahna-Mary Hersom, Cassidy T. Cunningham, Cathryn M. Joyce, Danielle M. Kodess, Dwight J. Koulgeorge, Elyse A. Cote, Eric Brown, Gabrielle M. Mirolli, Jennifer A. Dudek, Jeremy D. Kapinos, Piotr Peryeu, Rachel A. Burton, Rachel A. Lloyd and Sean P. Ouimette, of Feeding Hills, were named to the spring semester dean's list.

Western New England University: Caitlin Heer, of Feeding Hills, received the Honor Graduate in Psychology Award, presented to the graduating senior in psychology who demonstrates the highest ideals in psychology by virtue of their academic performance, contribution, service and commitment to the department or field of psychology



The Agawam Motor Lodge on Suffield Street near Main and Springfield streets in Agawam. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

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The replacement includes common areas and stairwells. Numerous doors need improvements and repairs. Several walls need painting and patching. Showers are in need of re-grouting.

White also found evidence of insects infesting some rooms, including cockroaches. White requested

the issue be addressed by a licensed pest control professional.

White also found evidence of soiled furniture that must be removed and stale food on the walls in the common area.

White confirmed he conducted a follow-up inspection, but says the inspection was informal and no report was filed. He would not share his findings of the follow-up, including whether or not issues

brought up by his report had been remedied.

"Right now, we are referring all inquiries to the Law Department," White said.

Town officials are not saying if more follow-up inspections are scheduled, or what sort of legal action may be taken regarding the motel.

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Learn how to write a memoir at Aug. 13 library workshops

Thatcher Freund, a noted memoir writer and journalist, will conduct two workshops at the Agawam Public Library on the fundamentals of memoir writing, including techniques for recalling important memories and how to describe them in compelling ways.

The workshops will take place Thursday, Aug. 13, at 10:30 a.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. Participants, who

are asked to choose one session, should pick up a packet at the library at 750 Cooper St., to be completed prior to the workshop.

The event, which is part of the Adult Summer Reading Program, is sponsored by the Agawam Center Library Association, Massachusetts Cultural Council, Massachusetts Library System, Boston Bruins, Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and CSLP.

Family grateful for support as Bruno faces long recovery

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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While 17-year-old Antonio Bruno is expected to walk again, according to his latest prognosis, his family says it will be a very long journey to a recovery.

Bruno, who fell down a steep quarry near the Southwick-Agawam border on July 2, is currently going through rehabilitation and treatment at the Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Boston.

Bruno is recovering from major injuries to his head and face. His facial injuries required reconstructive surgeries. He also broke his neck and suffered other major injuries. His spinal cord is intact, however, and he should be able to walk again.

As of this week, the Agawam High School student is still in a wheelchair, but he is continuously making

progress, though he is unable to talk.

Fundraising efforts are also underway for the Bruno family, which will face a number of un-reimbursed expenses associated with the injuries. Friends and family held a meeting last Thursday at the Dante Club in West Springfield to discuss ideas.

At least one fundraiser has already been held for Bruno. Bruno's friends on the Agawam American Legion Post 185 baseball team raised \$1,000 selling more than 300 T-shirts with Bruno's name and number 7 on the back.

Agawam players competed in a playoff game against Greenfield at Shea Field last Sunday, wearing the T-shirts in honor of their teammate, who played the outfield for them this summer.

Coach Brian Regnier said the kids on the team



Antonio Bruno is recuperating from injuries sustained in a fall at a quarry near the Agawam-Southwick line. SUBMITTED PHOTO

wanted to do something to help the Bruno family, and more ideas are in the works.

"We had our meeting at the Dante Club and we are now working on a wine tasting scheduled for Nov.

14," said Regnier. "We also are planning a pasta dinner. There are more details to come on these fundraisers."

Bruno's mother, Nora Bruno, gave a detailed update on Tuesday about her son's condition. She said her son has a long way to go, but has had no setbacks, and continues to make good progress every day.

"He receives about four hours of therapy each day," said Nora Bruno. "Antonio receives therapy for many different things because of the extent of his injuries. However, each day, he meets or exceeds the goals for the days. We're very thankful for that."

Nora Bruno said Antonio still faces more surgeries. He has had three surgeries already and is next scheduled for surgery sometime in August. She said he will remain at Spaulding at least until the next surgery. There is currently no timetable to

when he will actually be able to go home.

"There is a long way to go and right now they are just trying to get him to the next surgery," she said.

Antonio suffered a shattered face, she said, and he will eventually require major oral surgery.

She repeatedly thanked those who rescued her son.

"If they had not done everything perfectly," she said, "he would not be here today. It was such as a rough terrain and anything going wrong would have made his injuries worse. I'm so grateful to all the first responders."

Nora Bruno also expressed gratitude for all the cards she and her family members have received, as well funds raised so far.

She is also encouraging residents to participate in local blood drives as much as possible. Antonio required two transfusions.



(above) Rich Giordano holds up a mugwort that he pulled out of the ground near the library parking lot. Most gardeners would consider it a weed, but Giordano describes it as a vegetable that can be cooked and eaten.

(left) At the edge of the woods behind the town library and high school, Rich Giordano shows an example of pokeweed — a plant that's healthy if prepared properly, but toxic if not. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

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your plants."

Giordano, an Agawam native who now runs a farm in Central Massachusetts after working for 15 years as a plant expert for Old Sturbridge Village, led about two dozen guests on an edible wild plant walk around the Agawam Public Library on July 21.

In a walk around the perimeter of the library parking lot, and into the woods behind the high school, Giordano pointed out several edible plants growing wild: sumac, which produces a powder that tastes like pink lemonade; milkweed, which can be harvested in the spring and eaten like asparagus; burdock, with a "phenomenal" tasting root; and several varieties of wild grapes and berries, none of which looked exactly like

what you'd find in a supermarket, but any of which might be just as tasty, particularly with a little cultivation.

The sweet, plump fruits and vegetables in the market are nothing more than cultivated versions of plants that grow wild, Giordano said.

He shared a few farmer's tricks for better produce: cut the main stem to force the plant to spend its energy on branches, then cut the branches down to one or two buds each, so that those two berries grow larger and sweeter.

With fruits, berries and acorns, said Giordano, the key is finding not only the right plant species, but the right individual plant. Plants reproduce with both male and female "parents," just like humans, so taste can vary wildly from one individual to the next.

"Most apples are disgusting," he said, "but you find one that's really sweet, and graft it to another one."

Several of the attendees took notes and photographs as Giordano led the hike. Veronica Bobskill of Feeding Hills, an incoming freshman at Agawam High School — and occasional raspberry picker at Robinson State Park — said she'd learned a lot.

Marilene Allen of Agawam said the program had inspired her to "investigate some more."

Learning which plants are safe, which are easy to prepare and which are tasty is a long process but — like anything in life — becomes easier as it becomes familiar, Giordano said.

He attended Robinson Park School in the 1970s and went to middle school in Agawam, but moved to Central Massachusetts for

high school. In the 1980s, he followed the Grateful Dead, and living out of a tent, on the road with a rock band, is where he first began to experiment with foraged food, purely as a matter of cost savings as "a stone-broke hippie."

Now, he estimates that three-quarters of the food he eats comes from his own farm, All Hill Farm in West Brookfield. He recommends that would-be foragers read books on the subject, but also encourages them to do what he did — experiment, slowly.

His method was to stick to plants that taste good — "most toxic plants taste bad," though there are exceptions, he said — and try one new plant a month, which gives the body plenty of time to show an adverse reaction. Twelve new plants a year adds up quickly, he said.

Six Flags collects toys for 'Christmas in July'

Six Flags New England will be collecting toys for charity on Friday, July 31, as part of its first-ever "Christmas in July"

Guests to the theme park on Main Street in Agawam are invited to bring a new, unwrapped toy to be donated to Dare Family Services of Springfield and Hartford. The organization will distribute the toys to local children in the foster care system. Guests who donate toys will receive a coupon for \$20.15 off the main gate admission price.

Guests can also purchase candy canes off the prize tree to receive a special prize of their own. Each chance costs \$5, and all proceeds will benefit Dare Family Services.

"Christmas in July" will also include holiday decorations and a chance for guests to visit with Santa Claus.

Dare Family Services, a leading non-profit providing foster care to children, has been

there to support families most in need. In addition to foster care, Dare also provides an array of programs including adults with developmental disabilities, a pregnant and parenting teens program and family support and stabilization program.

Representatives from the Dare Family Services will be at the park entrance from 10 a.m. to noon on July 31. The collection of toys will last all day.

Tips at Aug. 11 program on planning a Disney World trip

Barbara Wojciechowski, former Walt Disney World cast member, will be the guest speaker at the Agawam Public Library Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 6:30 p.m.

Wojciechowski will discuss "The Magic (Bands) of Disney" and help participants plan the Disney World vacation that is just right for their family. She will also talk about the improvements that have been made to dining, attractions and resorts and will explain how to maximize time at the park, and how to use

the new "magic bands" ticketing system.

The event, which is part of the Adult Summer Reading Program, is sponsored by one or more of the following: Agawam Center Library Association, Massachusetts Cultural Council, Massachusetts Library System, Boston Bruins, Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and CSLP.

Registration is required. Call 413-789-1550 ext. 4 or online at www.agawamlibrary.org.

Casino trip open to the public

The Agawam Golden Agers, Chapter 2, will host a trip to the Mohegan Sun Casino on Monday, Aug. 3. This trip is open to the public. The cost is \$25 per person and includes all gratuities, two \$10 big wheel bets and a \$15 meal voucher good at any restaurant or buffet. The meal voucher can also

be used at any of the stores in the casino.

The bus will leave the Sacred Heart church parking lot, 1103 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, at 8 a.m., and will return at 5:30 p.m.

For more information or reservations, contact Art Usher at 413-786-3567.

Opinion

OUR VIEW

Washington rode here

Sometime this year, travelers on Route 159, including visitors to the town's Veterans Green and the state Veterans Cemetery, will see "Purple Heart Trail" signs with an image of the military decoration, complete with a profile portrait of George Washington.

But it won't be the first image of Washington to grace the side of that road, nor will it be the first honorary designation for Agawam's Main Street. There's already a George Washington plaque on Main Street, in a traffic island at the corner of Federal Street, marking Agawam's portion of the George Washington Memorial Highway, a route that traces the Revolutionary War general's progress through Massachusetts to take command of American forces during the 1775 siege of Boston.

The Washington Bicentennial Commission installed plaques across Massachusetts in 1932. At some point in history, Agawam's was stolen, but about a dozen years ago, the town replaced it with a replica patterned on the Washington plaque on Memorial Avenue in West Springfield.

Despite the relatively recent fanfare — the project was one of the town's first historical restorations undertaken with Community Preservation Act funds — it's safe to say that most drivers along Route 159 aren't aware of the plaque on a rock by the side of the road, or at least don't know what it says, and don't pay much thought to what it means for Agawam: that this area was the very first portion of Massachusetts to welcome Gen. George Washington when he arrived in 1775. Long before it became famous for roller coasters, the southern end of Agawam's Main Street was Washington's entry point to the colony where the Revolution began.

Washington is deeply connected with the Purple Heart. His face is on the medal not simply because he was the nation's first general and first president, but because it was Washington himself, as the nation's first commander-in-chief, who established the Badge of Military Merit, a heart-shaped purple cloth, in 1782.

Washington was also the prototype of the American citizen soldier: Their brave commander and inspiration, yes, but also their example. Washington left his farm and his family to serve when his nation needed him, then returned to private citizenship when the war ended. He served again when the nation called him to be its first president, then set the precedent — by no means guaranteed, in the early days of the American republic — of voluntarily stepping down after eight years and peacefully ceding power to his elected successor. And the first chapter of his service began with a ride through Agawam.

Just as in 1932, when the plaque was dedicated, Agawam is honoring Washington, along with all citizen-soldiers, by honoring the Purple Heart. As we put up signs with his portrait up and down Main Street, our nation's first leader deserves to take center stage, and all Agawam residents should take a minute to remember the first time he came to visit this town.

What do you think? Send your letter to the editor to aan@turley.com.

FAITH MATTERS

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (Matthew 5:10-12)

We are living in times where Christians around the world are targeted for ridicule, persecution and even death. We see and hear of beheadings in Egypt, mass murder of Christians by fire in Africa, imprisonments in China, Iraq, Iran and the list goes on. For more detailed insight you can visit the Voice of the

Martyrs website for the latest news of the persecuted church at www.persecution.com.

Now the arrows of persecution are piercing the hearts of the Christians in America, who for nearly three centuries have been relatively safe from the aggressive onslaught. Quite frankly, no longer do we have that luxury. The Christian church in America has been targeted through false religions claiming a tie to the Bible; atheism denying the existence of God and berating the usefulness of organized religion; lethargy in church attendees;

JAY SPEAKS

Flying for food

The circle of friends that I played a lot of tennis with included a man named Bob. He was a local dentist and won most of the matches that he competed in. At the conclusion of one match, I sat down with him, cooling down.

Bob remarked, "Did you know that I bought a share in a small airplane?"

"No," I said. "Do you have a pilot's license?"

"I've had one for quite a while. The Air Force trained me." Bob went on: "My wife and I are going to fly over to Long Island for brunch on Sunday. Would you and Kitty care to join us? The plane seats four comfortably."

I said that I would check with Kitty, but that it sounded like a lot fun.

Over the years, Kitty and I have had a few experiences with light planes. While in Alaska, we flew from the Eagle sanctuary to Haynes, Alaska, to catch up with a friend from home. On our trip down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon we flew on a light plane from Indian Country to Las Vegas (That is after being helicoptered out of the canyon to a small airfield).

During the floods of 1955 and 1957, I had some experience delivering food to isolated farms and communities from the commissary part of the business that I was part of. This was done from a small plane from a local cleared field used as a runway.

After conferring with Kitty, I called Bob back and said OK. He gave us directions to his plane at the Westfield Airport. He said, "Look for my Cessna in the third hangar down from the entrance. It has an orange stripe with tail numbers 795-31."

I would not recognize a Cessna from a Beechcraft or a Piper Cub. However, we got lucky, and there was Bob, tugging his plane out of the hangar as we arrived.

Bob was quite thorough. Bleeding the brake lines, making certain that we had a full fuel tank. He looked at our landing gear and other crucial parts of the plane. Finally, he told us to get in and fasten our seat belts.

"I'll crank up the engine, let it warm up a bit and see if the tower will let us take off."

Several minutes later he called the tower with our make and tail number and asked



Jay Berger

for the OK to take off. The tower responded with an OK and gave us the compass directions for Long Island.

A small plane is not a quiet place for a relatively short trip. The motor noise is loud and the towers are constantly letting you know your position or asking you about yours. Finally we left the area of control for Westfield and Mitchell Field picked us up with compass headings for their landing strip.

We had to circle and take extra time before landing, because traffic that Sunday was pretty heavy. Finally the tower said to "take runway Four-East, clear to land." Although we were only airborne for 45-50 minutes, it seemed a lot longer. Probably because the pilot, Bob, was busy all the time.

After taxiing to the business side of the airport, we noted that our restaurant destination was just a few yards away from where Bob tied down the plane. The restaurant was set up as though it were an army emplacement during World War I. We entered through a line of trenches covered in sandbags finally entering the dining hall. I whispered to Kitty, "I hope the meal isn't canned beans. That was what my Dad said he had to eat during the first World War in France" Kitty gave me the Shut Up sign.

The menu was fine and the food quite good. We talked a lot about his experience with the plane. His share gave him one weekend a month and seven daytime uses during the month. He thought that was plenty.

If he had to go on vacation with it he could bargain with his partners for more useful time. When we finished the meal, we went through the same routine of getting the plane ready for takeoff and checking with the tower for permission and compass headings.

The return flight was uneventful and we were so happy to have had the experience. How many times in one's life do you travel by plane to have Sunday brunch? Only on Cessna tail number 795-31 with the orange stripe.

Jay Berger is retired from a job in publishing and lives in Agawam with his wife Kitty. They have three children and six grandchildren.



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Tim Reed

Prepared for the future

and a break from the true biblical message within the evangelical church. Many universities and churches have embraced a liberal view of Christianity and deny the deity of Christ, the inerrancy and authority of the Holy Scripture, and reject the shed blood of Christ and the person and presence of the Holy Spirit. These false teachings have been and will continue to be disastrous for the faith of many people.

Although some persecution has been happening for quite some time, the focused affront to the American Christian church is gaining

momentum and we must be prepared for what the future holds. An anti-Christian spirit it is at work in America and around the world. I encourage you to read the books of 1 John and 2 Thessalonians for more information regarding the world landscape during the end times. One day soon, the doors of the churches in Agawam could be locked and we will not be allowed to publicly gather for worship. Are you prepared for that day?

The Apostle Peter asks the pivotal question for us in preparing for the end times: "What kind of people ought you to be?" (2 Peter 3:11a). The answer is, "You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming." (2 Peter 3:11b-12a).

No matter what the federal or state supreme courts say, or the president approves of, or even family and friends believe, the Word of God is truth and his Holy Word is our firm foundation for life and eternity. Jesus declares in Matthew 24:35, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away." I commit myself to believe fully in the Word of God and not be swayed or led astray by false teachers, false prophets, nor the judgments of the kingdoms of this world. I am a citizen of God's kingdom and my home is in heaven! Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus.

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Business

Chiropractor completes cranial release class

Dr. Tami Nelson, a chiropractor based in Feeding Hills, has completed a four-day “mastery class” course of study in the Cranial Release Technique, a therapeutic, hands-on procedure designed to improve health by restoring proper function to the nervous system and proper balance to body structure. “This procedure allows the brain and central nervous system to move to a higher, more organized

level of function,” said Dr. William C. Doreste, CEO of Cranial Release Technique Inc. in New York, which conducted the class. “Patients experience a return to health and a restoration of balance in life’s emotional and physical aspects.” Nelson is now certified to offer this procedure to patients. Her office is at 546 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, and can be reached at 413-786-4820.



Dr. Tami Nelson (right)

Cirillo, Johnson promoted at United

SPRINGFIELD — United Personnel recently promoted two staff members with connections to Agawam, Danielle Cirillo and Marlene Johnson. Both individuals have proven their commitment and innovation in their approach to human resources support and recruitment. Danielle Cirillo, a native of Agawam who now reside in Glastonbury, Conn., was promoted to project manager to one of United Personnel’s larger accounts. She most recently served as a staffing consultant in United Personnel’s Light

Industrial Staffing Division. In her new role, Cirillo will oversee all aspects of account management, including on-site staffing support, recruitment, employee relations and project-based initiatives. Cirillo is an alumna of Western New England University and the Associated Chambers of Greater Springfield’s Leadership Institute. Marlene Johnson, an Agawam resident who most recently served as a recruiter for United’s Professional Division, been promoted to staffing consultant. Johnson will work

with both candidates and client companies, serving as the liaison between the two. “If you work hard, persevere, and persist, you will accomplish all that you desire,” stated Johnson. Johnson, who holds a bachelor of business administration degree from Monroe College in New York City, also serves as United’s Diversity Program Coordinator. She is a member of the Advisory Committee for the School of Business and Information Technologies. Johnson and Cirillo are both members of the Young Professionals Society of Greater Springfield.



Auto start

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Thursday, July 9, at AutoPoint Motors, 1039 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Pictured are, front row from left, Anthony LaFromboise, Mayor Richard Cohen and City Councilor James Cichetti; back row, Shelia Munroe, state Sen. Donald Humason, Joseph Barbato and Agawam Planning Director Marc Strange. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Public Safety

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 64 EMS calls for July 14 to July 20, and the following emergency response calls.

On July 14 at 5:15 a.m., the department responded to Belden Court for CO detector activation due to malfunction.

On July 14 at 8:06 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On July 14 at 9:36 p.m., the department responded to Hayes Avenue for cooking fire, confined to container.

On July 14 at 9:59 p.m., the department responded to North Westfield Street for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.

On July 14 at 11:36 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On July 15 at 11:14 a.m., the department responded to Cooper Street for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.

On July 15 at 4:50 p.m., the department responded to Meadow Street Ext. for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On July 15 at 4:33 p.m., the department responded to North Westfield Street for lockout.

On July 16 at 6:46 a.m., the department responded to Riviera Drive for electrical wiring/equipment problem, other.

On July 16 at 5:09 p.m., the department responded to Route 57 East for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On July 16 at 5:18 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for lockout.

On July 19 at 8:14 a.m., the department responded to Cooper Street for electrical wiring/equipment problem, other.

On July 19 at 9:31 a.m., the department responded to Leonard Street to assist invalid.

On July 19 at 3:22 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for lockout.

On July 19 at 8:32 p.m., the department responded to Leonard Street for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.

On July 20 at 7:47 a.m., the department responded to Route 57 East for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On July 20 at 12:07 p.m., the

department responded to Cooper Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On July 20 at 6:15 p.m., the department responded to Ottawa Street for cooking fire, confined to container.

On July 20 at 7:42 p.m., the department responded to River Road for water and ice-related rescue, other.

On July 20 at 9:42 p.m., the department responded to Mansion Woods Drive for false alarm or false call, other.

On July 20 at 9:57 p.m., the department responded to River Road for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 381 calls for service from July 14 to July 20. The department made five arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Tuesday, July 14

Aleksandar Krkalic, 26, of 503 Kings Highway, West Springfield, was arrested on charges of possession of a Class A drug, operating a motor vehicle with license suspended and on a default warrant for failure to appear.

Wednesday, July 15

Kevin Shalbi, 28, of 44 Pineview Drive, Springfield, was arrested on

a charge of malicious damage to a motor vehicle.

Monday, July 20

Manuel Majias-Franceschi, 19, of 184 Main St., West Springfield, was arrested on a charge of trespassing.

John F. Wackerbarth, 43, of 45 Pineywood, Southwick, was arrested on charges of breaking and entering a building in the daytime for felony and assault and battery with serious bodily injury.

Amy Beth Beltrandi, 38, of 31 N. Alhambra Circle, Agawam, was arrested on a default warrant for failure to appear, possession of a Class A drug, and possession of a Class B drug.

Vella graduates from basic training

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class Christopher Vella graduated from basic training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in Texas.



training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community

College of the Air Force. Vella is the son of Charles and Karen Vella of Agawam, and nephew of Frederick and Lynne Vella of Worthington, and Kathie and Michael Delgiudice of Enfield, Conn. He graduated in 2010 from Agawam High School and earned an associate’s degree in 2014 from Springfield Technical Community College.

NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue’s relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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“The [state] Department of Revenue only gives you two years to do something like that,” said Cohen. “The course may not have the funds to do that.”

Fiscal 2015, which ended June 30, was the first full budget year with Golf Course General Manager Tony Roberto on board, though this calendar year represents his second golf season in town. He reported that the course did excellent business in April, May and June, well above last year’s totals in each.

He was especially proud of a profitable June because it happened despite less than ideal conditions.

“We did better in June than we did last year,” said Roberto. “Last year, though, we had one rainy day. This year, we had nine rainy days, including two total washouts.”

Roberto said the overall budget goal was \$552,000. According to his rough numbers, which must be confirmed later this month by the auditor, the course finished about \$22,000 over that.

Roberto added that despite less-than-stellar weather so far in July, he is

on pace for doing 15 percent more business than in July 2014. Receipts and expenses for the remainder of the summer will be reflected in the fiscal 2016 budget.

Fund transfers

Despite the successful end to the year, the golf course management was again under some fire for fund transfers that prompted a special meeting of the Agawam City Council on Tuesday, July 14.

The meeting had to occur before July 15 because transfers needed for prior year bills must be taken

care before that date of the new fiscal year.

One transfer that received more criticism was \$7,259.18 from the regular salary to temporary salaries.

The funds were needed to pay seasonal employees that work maintaining the golf course. Those payrolls were paid and approved by the city auditor at the beginning of the month.

Councilors Robert Rossi and Gina Letellier criticized the auditor for allowing the payroll to go through.

“I want to know who is minding the store,” Rossi said.

Council President Chris-

topher Johnson said he had grave concerns about approving the transfer because it is not legal to pay employees from an account that has no money in it. But he also said the auditor, Cheryl St. John, was placed in a bad position: having risk paying from an account that had no funds or risk grievances being filed by the employees who were not being paid in a timely fashion.

Roberto took responsibility for the issue, saying he was out of the office more frequently in the past month due to a family illness. He said the transfers would have been on the

council agenda before the end of fiscal 2015 if he had been on top of the issue.

Council George Bitzas said he appreciated Roberto admitting his mistake. Letellier suggested the transfers be approved to put the budget in balance by the July 15 date and that the council develop a new policy that would require the auditor to keep department heads better informed when they are running low on accounts so transfers can be applied for in a timely manner. Councilor Don Rheault refused to vote for the payroll transfer and was the lone dissenting vote.

Out & About

OUR CALENDAR SECTION is intended to promote free events, or those that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization. Paid events that are not deemed benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public for profit are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items is Monday at noon. Send to the Agawam Advertiser News at aan@turley.com, fax to 413-786-8457, or mail to 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. We usually print at least one week prior to an event. The listings should be brief with only time, date, location, activity explanation and contact information.

Friday, July 24
THE YANKEE COLOR CLASSIC HORSE SHOW takes place today through Sunday, July 26, from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is free.

Saturday, July 25
THE HAMPDEN COUNTY 4-H FAIR takes place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Mallary Complex and Outdoor Horse Ring on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is free.

LITTLE HOUSE FAMILY DAY takes place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Storowton Village Museum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is \$10 per peson. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

THE WATER SHOPS: THE BEATING HEART OF ARMORY PRODUCTION will take place at 1 p.m.

Participants will see and walk the historic grounds along the Mill River just south of the Armory's Hill Shops where the Springfield Armory National Historic Site now is. This ranger-led program is free. For more information and weather cancellation, call 413-734-8551 or visit www.nps.gov/spar.

Sunday, July 26
NORTH HALL ARTS FESTIVAL presents Charles Neville & Sons, legendary jazz saxophonist. Admission \$10 at the door; students free. Visit www.northhallhuntington.org.

Tuesday, July 28
CREATING GREEN SMOOTHIES WITH JULIE SALVATO, the "Happy Veg Head" at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., Salvato will show participants how to create and taste four green smoothies, learn about the health benefits of super foods and leave with some delicious recipes. To register, call 413-789-1550 ext. 4, or online at www.agawamlibrary.org.

THE MUSICAL MOMENTS free concert series at Amelia Park, 21 S. Broad St., Westfield will host a performance of country and oldies by Fran Liptak & Friends at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 413-568-2503 or visit www.ameliaparkice.org.

Wednesday, July 29
THE FREE SUMMERFEST CONCERT at School Street Park in Agawam will host the Northern Roots rock band Jubilee Riots, formerly known as Enter the Haggis, at 7 p.m.

Thursday, July 30
HOME BREWING WORKSHOP

presented by the Skyline Hop Shop at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. Learn the basics of home brewing and what they need to get started and tips and tricks to making your new favorite brew. To register, call 413-789-1550 ext. 4, or online at www.agawamlibrary.org.

THE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES sponsored by the West Springfield Parks & Recreation Department continues from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Storowton Village Green on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., with a performance by the Richie Mitnick & Friends. Admission is free.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield will host "Cool Dancing on a Hot Summer Evening," vocal and instrumental music by the Bakum Family and Friends, as part of its "A Little Night Music" concert series. Free and open to the public; food donations accepted. For more information, visit www.trinityspringfield.org.

THE CONNECTICUT SUMMER CLASS HORSE SHOW takes place from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. starting today through Saturday, Aug. 1, in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is free.

Saturday, Aug. 1
THE NEW ENGLAND TRUCK FESTIVAL takes place today from noon to 10 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. at the outdoor arena around the Betty Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield.

Admission is \$5 for adults; free for children 12 and under.

Monday, Aug. 3
THE AGAWAM PUBLIC LIBRARY, 750 Cooper St., will host Frances Crowe, pacifist, advocate for peace and Quaker, at 7 p.m. The topic of her presentation will be her memoir, "Finding My Radical Soul." Registration required. Call 413-789-1550, ext. 4 or visit www.agawamlibrary.org.

Tuesday, Aug. 4
THE MUSICAL MOMENTS free concert series at Amelia Park, 21 S. Broad St., Westfield will host a performance of soft rock by the Charlie Galvin Band at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 413-568-2503 or visit www.ameliaparkice.org.

Wednesday, Aug. 5
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT at Christian Life Center, 1590 Sumner Ave., Springfield, will feature the "Up" beginning at 6:15 p.m. with snacks followed by the show at 6:30 p.m., all free. For more information, call 413-782-7171 or visit CLC413.com.

Friday, Aug. 7
EAST COAST GEM, MINERAL & FOSSIL SHOW, Eastern States Exposition, Better Living Center, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$6; children under 12, free with an adult. Parking \$5. For information, visit www.mzexpos.com/eastcoast.htm

Tuesday, Aug. 11
WALT DISNEY WORLD former cast member Barbara Wojciechowski will speak at the Agawam Public

Library, 750 Cooper St., on "The Magic (Bands) of Disney" beginning at 6:30 p.m. Participants will learn what they need to know to plan the perfect Disney World vacation. Registration required. Call 413-789-1550, ext. 4 or online at www.agawamlibrary.org.

Wednesday, Aug. 12
THE MASSACHUSETTS MORGAN HORSE SHOW takes place today and Friday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is free.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT at Christian Life Center, 1590 Sumner Ave., Springfield beginning at 6:15 p.m. with snacks followed by the show (to be announced) at 6:30 p.m., all free. For more information, call 413-782-7171 or visit CLC413.com.

Thursday, Aug. 13
NOTED MEMOIR WRITER AND JOURNALIST Thatcher Freund will conduct a morning workshop at 10:30 a.m. and evening workshop at 6:30 p.m. on the fundamentals of memoir writing. Participants should pick up a packet at the library to be completed prior to the workshop. Registration required. Call 413-789-1550 ext. 4 or online at www.agawamlibrary.org.

Saturday, Aug. 15
TOM KNIGHT PUPPET SHOW at North Hall, 40 Searle Road, Huntington at 11 a.m. Original songs and skits with handmade puppets, for families and young children. Reception. Art Gallery open. Free for kids and adults. Open seating. Wheelchair access, air-conditioned.

Tuesday, Aug. 18
THE MUSICAL MOMENTS free concert series at Amelia Park, 21 S. Broad St., Westfield, will host a performance of bluegrass music by the Russell Mountain Boys at 6 p.m. For more information, call 413-568-2503 or visit www.ameliaparkice.org.

Wednesday, Aug. 19
THE ELM CITY KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW takes place form 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is free.

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FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT at Christian Life Center, 1590 Sumner Ave., Springfield, will feature "Big Hero 6" beginning at 6:15 p.m. with snacks followed by the show at 6:30 p.m., all free. For more information, call 413-782-7171 or visit CLC413.com.

Thursday, Aug. 20
THE NEWTOWN KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW takes place today through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is free.

THE NORTHEAST REINING HORSE SHOW takes place today through Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is free.

Friday, Aug. 21
THE NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW takes place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is free.

Sunday, Aug. 23
THE ELM CITY KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW takes place form 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is free.

Tuesday, Aug. 25
THE MUSICAL MOMENTS free concert series at Amelia Park, 21 S. Broad St., Westfield, will host a performance of favorites by the Cory and the Knightsmen Band at 6 p.m. For more information, call 413-568-2503 or visit www.ameliaparkice.org.

Wednesday, Aug. 26
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT at Christian Life Center, 1590 Sumner Ave., Springfield, will feature "Home" beginning at 6:15 p.m. with snacks followed by the show at 6:30 p.m., all free. For more information, call 413-782-7171 or visit CLC413.com.

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- Ancient Greek physician
- US coach Amos Alonzo
- Before
- Hedge
- Musical endings
- Contrary to
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- More uncommon
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- Initials of ALS physicist
- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Smallest American sandpiper

- Wrote a computer program
- Silver
- A continuous portion of a circle
- To send forth
- Wood sorrel
- Curie
- Curved sword
- Harmon, Wahlberg & Antony
- Break stone
- Doc
- A small demon
- Split up
- Sierra lake
- Micronesian sailboats
- North African desert
- Famous persons
- A worn out horse
- One seeded fruit (alt. sp.)
- DEA officers
- 7th Greek letter
- States of repose

- Related on the mother's side
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- Relating to a metal
- Sires
- Macao monetary units
- Roman household god
- Sun up in New York
- 1st Indian P.M.
- Frighten
- Keepsakes
- Admirer
- Handgun (slang)
- J. G. Low's organization
- Constitution Hall org.
- Presently
- Smallest speech sound
- In-between meal
- Heroic tales
- Healing wound cover
- Paper bags
- Threefold
- River in France
- And in Latin
- Cup used to serve espresso
- One thousandth of an ampere
- Deprived of parents
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- Mac, gala and pippin
- Mother or father
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The final day of summer science camp at Robinson Park was an “air-mazing” day as students explored a number of activities and games involving air. Here, Quinn Miller learns about air and forces while trying to see how high he can launch an air rocket.

(right) Robert Dean Fleagle explores forces and motion by designing and building a roller coaster model



Emily Allen gained some practical engineering experience by designing and building a car made from paper plates and cups. A summer science camper for two years, she called the five day program “awesome.”



Shaun Griffin plays a game and learns about balance and forces. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

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pay Rumprik and an assistant.

Camp may expand

This is the second year Emily Allen has been a science camper.

“I really loved it last year, so I signed up again this year,” said Emily, who wants to be a marine biologist working with marine animals. “Both years have been awesome — especially the fun experiments.”

This may be Emily’s last summer, since she enters fifth grade this fall. Next summer, Rumprik hopes to offer a science camp for middle school students.

“There are so many kids like Emily who enjoy science and who would benefit from a summer science program at the middle school,” said Rumprik, who teaches science at Granger and Clark elementary schools.

Nine-year-old Kaylee Randall attended the science camp for the first time this summer. She likes science “because you can do a lot of cool things with it.”

Kaylee, who will be in fourth grade this September, added that she got to do many fun science activities she can’t do during the regular school year: “Every day we did something new.”

Rumprik designed the summer program so students can explore different themes each day. This year’s themes included Beautiful Birds, Awesome Anatomy, Liquids, Mixtures, and Solutions, Nature, Properties Change, Animate It, Tippy Towers, Super Science and Math, Amazing Air, and Build It.

“I do a lot of research to come up with the themes,” she added.

Rumprik checks out Pinterest, finds ideas in science experiment books, and looks at science programs at museums.

“I try to tap into students’ interests as well, such as the idea for an animation day this year and the popularity of superhero movies,” she said.

Science experience

With a variety of activities, the six-hour days flew by as students worked independently on projects in small groups, read science books, used iPads to practice engineering, or played science-related games, such as science charades. Students also explored science outside and up close by taking hikes in the woods and trails behind the school.

“It’s different than my regular science program because I have these students all day. I have time to adjust if we want to explore something further or longer,” said Rumprik. “They get practical experience in using engineering skills by trying things out for themselves by working in groups of four.”

The summer program also gives students more science content background that they can apply in their regular science classes. Collin La, who will attend fifth grade in the fall, said he was surprised to learn that birds are natural engineers when it comes to building their nests.

During his week at the science camp, Collin, 10, studied bird nests and then used natural material — sticks, leaves, and mud — to build a bird’s nest. Students even added eggs they made from clay.

To help students learn about birds, Rumprik created a game called “JepBirdy,” based on the popular TV game show with a similar name.

Rumprik said she has students who attended every day of camp during the past three summers, so she makes sure to “find new and exciting things for them to do so they won’t get bored. They keep me doing my best.”

She added that the fact the number of students attending the science camp has more than doubled shows kids are learning and having fun at the same time: “I can’t think of anything better than that. Running the camp is like a dream come true.”

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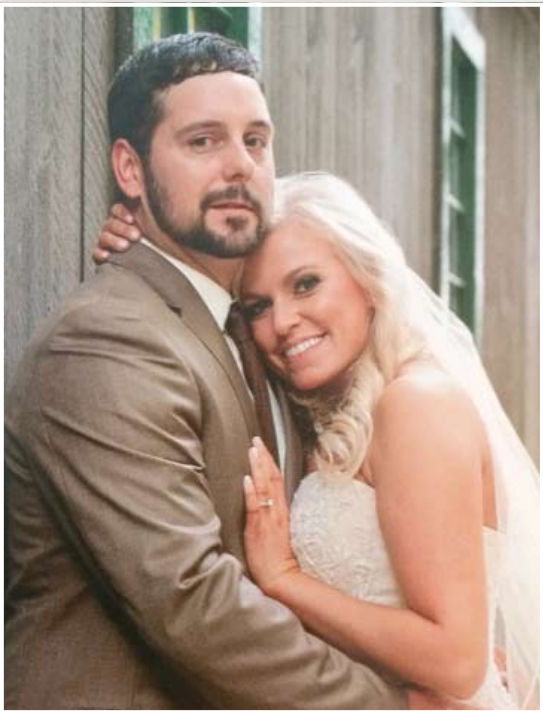
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Thursday, Aug. 27
THE CONN. RIVER ARABIAN ASSOC. championship horse show takes place from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is free.

Sunday, Sept. 20
ANTIQUES APPRAISAL DAY WITH KNOTTY PINE ANTIQUES from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Noble & Cooley Center for Historical Preservation, 42 Water St., Granville. For more information, call 413-357-6321.

Wednesday, Oct. 28
AGAWAM PARANORMAL PROGRAM at 6:30 p.m. at the Noble & Cooley Center for Historical Preservation, 42 Water St., Granville. For more information, call 413-357-6321

ONGOING

OPEN HOUSE TOURS at Stor-

rowton Village Museum, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield, take place now through Aug. 28 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$5 and free for children under 6. For more information, call 413-787-0127.

THE WESTFIELD FARMERS MARKET is held every Thursday afternoon from 12:30 – 6 p.m. on the lawn of the Episcopal Church of the Atonement, 36 Court St., until Oct. 8. Free parking available. Locally grown flowers, plants, vegetables, honey and bee products, maple syrup, goat meat and goats’ milk products, relishes and jams, baked goods, forested pork, free range chicken and eggs, wine, hot cider donuts, and more. SNAP EBT cards accepted. A \$5 transaction will provide SNAP customers \$10 worth of credit.

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. No registration needed.

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers “Crochet Club” every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This club is open to all needle-workers, including crocheters, knitters, quilters, and embroiderers. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

THE LADIES GLEE CLUB AND MEN’S CHOIR at the Springfield Turnverein, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, are back to work. Practice is held every Wednesday with the ladies beginning at 7 p.m. followed by the men at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. There is space available for anyone interested in joining.

A BREAST CANCER AND MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam. Registration is required by

calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

AN ALL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

A BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets the second Wednesday of each month at Heritage Woods Assisted Facility, 462 Main St., Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

YOUR CAR, TRUCK OR CAMPER may be worth more as a donation than a trade-in. Call the Massachusetts Association for the Blind at 888-613-2777 for more information. Towing is free. All donations are tax deductible.

Class of 1975 reunion in Oct.

The Agawam High School Class of 1975 will hold its 40th reunion Saturday, Oct. 3, at Crestview Country Club, 281 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. The event will begin from 6-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, with a meet-and-greet at the Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club, 1210 River Road, Agawam.

A golf outing and a mo-

torcycle mystery ride will be held Saturday morning at Crestview County Club. For information on the golf outing, call Marcia Barker 413-786-3666.

For information on the motorcycle ride, call Steve Dellagiustina at 413-519-9075.

To register for the reunion, call Pam Maule at 413-896-0027

Senior Center to host blood drive

The Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St., will host a blood drive to benefit the American Red Cross on Tuesday, Aug. 11, from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m.

All donors can receive a free Big E ticket and will be eligible to enter a raffle to win a pair of Boston Red Sox tickets and be honored on the field as the “Blood

Donor of the Game.”

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Lunch Menu
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Tuesday, July 28: Roast pork, roasted potatoes and carrots, applesauce.
Wednesday, July 29: Cold marinated tortellini and vegetable salad topped with grilled chicken, peaches.
Thursday, July 30: Lasagna and meatballs, Caesar salad, ice cream.
Friday, July 31: Cream of potato soup, tuna melt, cucumber dill salad, baked good.

Calendar of Events
Monday, July 27: 8 a.m., Friends Mohegan trip, weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., line dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo; No Zumba Gold.
Tuesday, July 28: 9 a.m.,

shuffleboard, summer exercise, S.H.I.N.E. (by appt.); 12:30 p.m., Mah Jongg, ladies billiards, movie (“Black or White”); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 3 p.m., COA meeting; 4:30 p.m., yoga; 6 p.m., beginner line dance.
Wednesday, July 29: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble; 1 p.m., Golden Oldies singer Calum Shand (\$5); No Zumba Gold; 7 p.m. School Street Park concert (Jubilee Riot).
Thursday, July 30: 9 a.m., summer exercise; 10 a.m., line dancing; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., pitch; 6:30 p.m., pitch, evening line dancing.
Friday, July 31: 9:15 a.m., all media art; noon, canasta; 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage.

Calum Shand to perform at Senior Center

The Agawam Senior Center will host a Golden Oldies, Las Vegas-style show at 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, featuring Calum Shand. Specializing in the work of singers such as Elvis Presley, Tony Bennett, Nat King Cole, Neil Diamond and

Barry Manilow, Shand performs popular tunes from the 1950s and beyond.

Tickets, which are \$5 per person, may be purchased in advance at the Senior Center at 954 Main St., Agawam or the day of the concert.

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SPORTS

American knocks out Agawam

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – Last Thursday night, the Westfield American Little League All-Stars picked up a wild 11-7 win over Agawam's Little League All-Stars in the District 2 finals for 11-12.

Agawam was looking to advance to the state tournament for the first time in several years, but they were done in by a 10-run fourth inning that put Westfield up and the American team did not look back.

Agawam needed a pair of home runs to take the lead first. Connor Feyre, who has had an excellent all-star season, homered followed by one by Laine Page to make it 2-0.

Agawam then put up a crooked number in the top of the second inning to make it 7-0.

Agawam's offense was completely stifled from there as Westfield American was able to score in the bottom of the third and then busted out the bats to make it 11-7 in the fourth inning.

Westfield used seven hits to take the lead.

The teams were both held scoreless over the final two innings in order for Westfield to score the upset.

Agawam advanced to the District 2 finals thanks to a big win over Belchertown, a game that lasted nine innings.

Tied 6-6 in the bottom of the ninth inning, Page would smash the ball so hard, it ricocheted off the second base bag and flew

Agawam bats pound East Longmeadow



By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – After dropping a game against Greenfield, the eventual Junior Legion champions, the Agawam Junior American Legion Post 185 baseball team put up a huge offensive showing in a 14-2 drubbing of East Longmeadow Post 293.

Playing at home at Shea Field, the Brownies received a second chance in the tournament to get back to the finals against Greenfield.

Under the double elimination format, Agawam would have had to defeat Post 293 to get to another elimination game.

Agawam was able to pound out the offense early in the game, starting with a walk to Aiden

Page. Steven Grasso would then single, driving home Page, who had stolen second base. Later in the inning, Matt O'Keefe would walk. He would then steal second base and scored on a single by Josh DeMatteo.

In the second inning, Mike Basile would lead off the inning with a long double. That was followed by an even longer triple by Nick Malerba to chase in Basile. Malerba then scored a run with a sacrifice fly from Troy Near.

Fielding issues would wreak havoc in the bottom of the third inning.

With one out, DeMatteo would walk. Ryan White would follow, reaching on a bobble by the shortstop.

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(top) Mike Basile makes contact on a double. (above) Steven Grasso tries to make a tag out at the plate. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

Garvin victorious at Ellington Ridge Camera Memorial

ELLINGTON, Conn. – More than 130 boys and girls ages 10-18 battled the heat Monday, July 20 at the Ellington Ridge Camera Memorial Tournament, which has been held for the past 15 years at prestigious Ellington Ridge Country Club.

In the Girls 18-hole division, Angela Garvin, of Feeding Hills, continued her winning streak with a 4-over par 76, securing her sixth Junior TOUR victory of the 2015 season. Rachel Bechard, of Longmeadow, placed second with a score of 84, edging out Katelyn Jylkka, of Portland, Conn. (85).

In the Boys 16-18 Division, Noah Peterson, of East Longmeadow, fired a remarkable two-under par 70 to win by four-strokes over Ben Palazzo, of Farmington, Conn. (74, +2). In a three-way tie for third place at 75 (+3) were Ryan Levy, of Trumbull, Conn., Peter Gehris, of South Windsor, Conn. and Mani Capece

of Watertown, Conn. This marks Peterson's second win of the 2015 season, having previously won the Ryan Lee Memorial Junior Open.

Justin Mathew, of Rocky Hill, Conn., captured the Boys 13-15 division with an impressive score of 1-under par 71 to earn his first Junior TOUR title of the summer. Mathew carded four birdies in his round, including a hot stretch at 11, 13 and 14 to move into the lead. Alex Aurora of Hamden, Conn., placed second with a solid 3-over par 75, edging out Matthew Chorchos of West Hartford, Conn., (76, +4).

The next Connecticut Section PGA Junior Golf TOUR event is the 36-Hole Cas Coscina Junior Invitational, which was held on July 22-23 at Stanley Golf Course in New Britain, Conn.

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Summer soccer heading to postseason

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AGAWAM – For the first time in recent memory, the Agawam High School entrants in the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League are both going to qualify for the tournament as the regular season concludes this week.

Both girls squads are currently in the top eight in their respective divisions.

After a slow start, the Agawam B team has improved and holds a 5-4 record with just couple of games remaining.

Agawam B is currently holding the tiebreaker over Palmer, which has an identical 5-4 record. Agawam has 15 points and trails the seventh-place team Wilbraham B by just one point.

East Longmeadow South, Ludlow B, Gateway, South Hadley, West Springfield B, and Granby hold the other spots in the B Division.

In the A Division, Agawam's A squad is holding a firm spot in



Agawam's girls A summer team was in action Monday night against West Springfield. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

fifth place behind Southwick's A squad, Ludlow, West Springfield, and Wilbraham. Agawam was in action on Monday night against West Springfield at Clark Field.

Agawam is also 5-4 in the A Division.

The boys squads have not had as much luck and is trying to hold

on to get one of the last qualifying spots in the A Division.

In the A Division, Agawam is 3-4-2 with 11 points. They are in 10th place and trail Longmeadow at 5-4 by four points. Hampshire is also ahead of Agawam with 12 points.

Agawam's boys B team is 1-6-2.

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Park & Rec to sponsor Youth Field Hockey

AGAWAM - The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department, 1000 Suffield St., will sponsor a Youth Field Hockey program for girls in grades 1 through 8 for the 2015-2016 school year. Participants will learn the fundamental skills, techniques and strategies of field hockey, while practicing and playing in the program. Girls will be broken into four different divisions: Grades 1 and 2 Mites; grades 3 and 4, Bantam; grades 5 and 6 Junior; grades 7 and 8, Senior. Early registration for all divisions is until July 31. Cost is \$75 for early registration for Mites and Bantam, \$100 for Junior and Senior. Late registration for all divisions is Aug. 3 – Aug. 21. Cost is \$100 for Mites and Bantam and \$125 for Junior and Senior.

Girls will meet from late August through October. Practices are held in the early evenings and games will be played against neighboring communities. The Mite program will practice on Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m. for eight weeks beginning Sept. 10. Played at Stick Time, this is an opportunity for girls to get involved in field hockey and learn the fundamentals. Players need to supply their own stick, goggles and mouthpiece. Registration is underway at the Parks and Recreation office at 1000 Suffield St. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A mandatory meeting for all players and parents will take place Monday, Aug. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Roberta Doring School cafeteria.



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‘Scramble for the Animals’ seeks golfers

FEEDING HILLS - Volunteers of the Westfield Homeless Cat Project and Open Arms Rescue, Inc., formerly Friends of the Westfield Regional Animal Shelter, Inc., are asking golfers to join them in their annual Scramble for the Animals, Aug. 2, at Oak Ridge Golf Club, 850 South Westfield St. This year’s goal of \$6,000 will help to save the lives of hundred’s of cats and dogs in the greater Westfield area. The \$100 cost includes golf, cart, lunch, dinner and prizes. Dinner only is \$25. Prizes for a hole-in-one include a new Subaru from Bertera Subaru, a \$3,500 value pool or spa

from Teddy Bear Pools and Spa and a cash prize of \$700. Other prizes include \$100 cash for closest to the pin male and female, and \$50 for longest drive male and female. Sign-up will be at 11:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The registration deadline is July 15. Hole sponsorships are available for \$50. It can be in the name of a business, in honor of or in memory of a loved one or a pet. Raffle prizes will also be appreciated. For more information and registration form, contact Marie Boccasile at 413-564-0589 or e-mail marieboccasile@gmail.com.

Resident to ride in 2015 Pan-Mass Challenge

BOSTON - On Aug. 1 and 2, James Sabatino, of Agawam, will participate in the Pan-Mass Challenge, the largest single athletic fundraising event in the country. He will be among 6,000 cyclists who will ride with the collective goal of raising \$45 million to support adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through the Jimmy Fund. During PMC weekend, individual cyclists unite to become one extended family. The camaraderie shared by thousands of cyclists, spectators and volunteers,

is one reason cyclists from 40 states and five countries will return to Massachusetts this August to participate in the PMC, choosing from 12 routes of varying mileage that run through 46 towns. Cyclists range in age from 13 to 82. Some are seasoned triathletes while others are weekend warriors having trained for this event alone. Many participants ride in honor of a family member or friend lost to, or being treated for, cancer. The average cyclist trains for three months, solicits 40 sponsors, and

Chicopee hurlers quiet Agawam

By Gregory A. Scibelli
*Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent*

AGAWAM – The Agawam Junior American Legion Post 185 baseball team had a longer stand in the playoffs this season than their senior legion counterparts, but their run came to an end on Sunday evening as they were defeated by Chicopee Post 452 2-0. Playing at Fortin Field at Szot Park in Chicopee, Agawam saw the offense that put out 14 runs against East Longmeadow all but silenced. That made all the difference for Agawam as they gave up the same number of runs as they did Friday against East Longmeadow. Agawam’s offense was

shut down for the first three innings. They were retired in order until the fourth inning, when they threatened for the first time. Aiden Page would lead off the inning with a single. Steven Grasso would reach on a fielder’s choice. Page would be retired at second base. Grasso made it to second base when Matt O’Keefe walked to put runners on second and third. Josh DeMatteo would then fly out to end the threat. Agawam did not threaten again until the top of the seventh inning when O’Keefe singled with one out to bring the tying run to the plate. However, Chicopee was able to retire the next two

hitters to finish off the shut-out. Chicopee got their runs in the third and third innings. Both runs were earned, and otherwise, Agawam’s pitching worked out of a couple of other jams during the game. Coach Steven Grasso recognized Michael Basile and Matt Rogalski for providing some good pitching relief. Agawam’s pitching staff had been worked to the limit with several games this week in the playoffs. With the delayed spring, Agawam’s summer seasons was heavily condensed and players worked an aggressive schedule starting in the second week of June. The Junior legion finished this year’s season with

a 6-8-1 record. Agawam did make major improvements as the season went on and found its offense toward the end of the year. Agawam was able to make it through four games in a double-elimination tournament. They defeated Ludlow to start the tournament 8-4 before losing to Greenfield Post 81 10-0 in the second round. Agawam rebounded with a win over East Longmeadow before suffering the loss to Chicopee. Agawam was looking for a rematch against Greenfield in the finals of the tournament and would have possibly received a berth in the state tournament. Instead, Greenfield and Chicopee will represent District 2.

AHS schedules annual golf tourney

AGAWAM - The Agawam High School Athletic Department will host its 21st annual golf tournament to be held Saturday, Sept. 26, at Oak Ridge Country Club, 850 South Westfield St., Feeding Hills. This tournament raises money to help support the athletes and coaches of the Agawam High School

programs. Student athletes do not pay fees at Agawam High School as some do in other communities. To participate as a major sponsor, golfer or tee sponsor or to donate a raffle prize, contact Dave Stratton in the Athletic office at 413-821-0529 or email dstratton@agawampublicschools.org.

West of the River Chamber golf tourney Aug. 17

SOUTHWICK - The West of the River Chamber of Commerce will host its 12th annual golf tournament Monday, Aug. 17, at The Ranch, 65 Sunnyside Road. The cost to golf is \$125 per player, which includes 18 holes with cart, lunch, and dinner. The cost to attend dinner only is \$35. Tournament sponsors are OMG, Inc., United Bank, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Health New England, Bart Truck Equipment, LLC, Spherion Staffing Services, and Insurance Center of New England.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available for the tournament. For details on sponsorship packages, visit www.westoftheriverchamber.com. During the tournament’s reception and dinner, West of the River Chamber of Commerce will award scholarships to one student from Agawam High, West Springfield High and Lower Pioneer Valley Education Collaborative. For more information, call the Chamber office at 413-426-3880 or email info@westoftheriverchamber.com.

Putting for Paws’ tournament to benefit T. J. O’Connor

SOUTH HADLEY - Dave’s Soda & Pet City will host the Putting for Paws Golf Tournament to benefit Thomas J. O’Connor Animal Control and Adoption Center on Tuesday, July 14, at The Ledges Golf Course. This fundraiser will support Thomas J. O’Connor’s mission of providing animal control services, and animal adoption to the Holyoke, Chicopee and greater Springfield area. At \$100 per golfer, plus processing fees, the tournament is an affordable and fun opportunity to help with the everyday needs of the animals housed in the Thomas J. O’Connor building. Registration starts at 8 a.m. on July 14 and the tournament will start at 9 a.m. Goodie bags will be provided to all golfers and a post event barbeque-style lunch for golfers upon their return. Following the luncheon is an awards pre-

sentation and opportunity drawings. “This event started out as a Dave’s employees/vendor outing and we thought it would be a great idea to open it up to the public so we could raise some money for our friends at T.J. O’Connor,” said Ashley Mascroft, marketing coordinator for Dave’s Soda & Pet City. “We saw the opportunity to make a big difference through our event, and our vendors have been on board from the very beginning. We are all very excited to be able to invite the public to play golf with us and help such a great group.” For more information about tickets, visit <https://davesputtingforpaws.eventbrite.com>. For sponsorship opportunities or to donate a prize, email Mascroft at ashley@davespetcity.com.

Perry Lane pool schedule

AGAWAM - The schedule for the Perry Lane Park pool, which opened June 29, is as follows: Mondays and Wednesdays - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Perry Lane Camp; 3:30 to 5 p.m., public swim; 5 to 7 p.m., swim lessons; Tuesdays and Thursdays - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Perry Lane Camp; 3:30 to 6 p.m., public swim; 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., swim lessons; Fridays - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Perry Lane Camp; 3:30 to 6 p.m., public swim; Saturdays and Sundays - noon to 5 p.m., public swim. The pool schedule is subject to change. Daily pool passes are \$1 per person and may be purchased at the pool from the

lifeguard on duty. An adult must accompany children under the age of 16. Disposable diapers are not permitted in the pool at any time. A cloth diaper with rubber pants or “swimmies” diapers are recommended. Flotation devices are not permitted. Anyone with a communicable disease is not permitted in the pool. The pool may be closed due to extreme weather, special events or emergencies. The pool director or head lifeguard on duty has the authority over all pool rules and closures.

Sports

Casagrande schedule announced

LUDLOW - The 14th annual Lou Casagrande Baseball Tournament will take place from July 28-Aug. 2 in the 8-10, 10-12 and 12-14 age divisions.

Listed below is the schedule:

8-10 National

Agawam Dirt Dogs vs. Ludlow Tatrow Whitney Park 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 29

Longmeadow vs. West Springfield Whitney Park 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30

Ludlow Tatrow vs. West Springfield Vets Park 5:30 p.m. Friday, July 31

Longmeadow vs. Agawam Dirt Dogs Whitney Park 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1

Longmeadow vs. Ludlow Tatrow Vets Park 11:45 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1

Agawam vs. West Springfield Whitney Park 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1

8-10 American

Ludlow Mckennie vs. Agawam Jr. Huskies Vets Park 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 29

Wilbraham vs. Angels Vets Park 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30

Wilbraham vs. Ludlow

Mckennie Whitney Park 5:30 p.m. Friday, July 31

Angels vs. Agawam Jr. Huskies Vets Park 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1

Wilbraham vs. Agawam Jr. Huskies Whitney Park 11:45 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1

Ludlow Mckennie vs. Angels Vets Park 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1

Wild card playoff games at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 2 at Whitney Park and Vets Park, followed by semifinals at 11:45 a.m. at the same two parks and the finals at 2:30 p.m. at Whitney Park.

10-12 National

Ludlow vs. Westfield West Street 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 29

Dream Bat vs. Van Horn Whitney Park 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30

South Hadley vs. Ludlow West Street 5:30 p.m. Friday, July 31

Westfield vs. Dream Bat Whitney Park 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1

Van Horn vs. South Hadley West Street 11:45 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1

Ludlow vs. Van Horn Whitney Park 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1

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Westfield vs. South Hadley 5:15 p.m. Whitney Park Saturday, Aug. 1

10-12 American

Dream Bat vs. Wilbraham 5:30 p.m. West Street Tuesday, July 28

Western Mass Cardinals vs. Chicopee Whitney Park 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 29

Sharks vs. Wilbraham West Street 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30

Frangle vs. Western Mass Whitney Park 5:30 p.m. Friday, July 31

Chicopee vs. Sharks West Street 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1

Wilbraham vs. Frangle Whitney Park 11:45 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1

Sharks vs. Chicopee West Street 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1

Western Mass vs. Frangle West Street 5:15 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1

Wild card playoff games at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 2 at Whitney Park and West Street, followed by semifinals at 11:45 a.m. at the same two parks and the finals at 2:30

p.m. at Whitney Park.

12-14 National

East Longmeadow vs. Ludlow Chapin Street 5:30 p.m. Friday, July 31

Agawam vs. Ludlow Chapin Street 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1

12-14 American

Van Horn vs. Ludlow Whitney Park 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30

Agawam vs. Holyoke Whitney Park 5:30 p.m. Friday, July 31

Van Horn vs. East Longmeadow Whitney Park 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1

Holyoke vs. Van Horn Whitney Park 11:45 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1

East Longmeadow vs. Holyoke Whitney Park 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1

Agawam vs. Ludlow Whitney Park 5:15 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1

Semifinals at 9 and 11:45 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 2 at Whitney Park and the finals at 2:30 p.m. at Whitney Park.

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deep into center field.

Feyre was on first base and was able to just keep running all the way home to get the victory last Wednesday night.

Agawam held a big lead early in the game, but Belchertown continued to piece away against Agawam until they tied the game 4-4 in the top of the fifth inning. The Orioles would then take the lead on a two-run home run and Agawam was pushed against the wall in the bottom of the sixth inning.

But Connor Twohig came up with a two-run single in the inning to tie the game and force extra innings.

Agawam had a tough road to get to the District 2 finals. Agawam lost a game to Westfield American last Monday.

Unlike previous years, the teams were part of a double-elimination tournament. After dropping their opening game against Westfield American. Agawam would go on to defeat Southampton and then scored the narrow win over Belchertown.

Agawam was seeking to win the District 2 title for the first time since 2010, but fell against Westfield, which has held the District 2 title since 2011 with either the American or National holding the title. Westfield American was formally known as Westfield South.

MEMORIAL from page 12

Garvin grabs top spot at Kringle

Garvin fired an impressive even-par 71 to win the Girls 18-hole division by four strokes over Emma McCloskey, of Palmer, who posted a solid round of 75 at the Frank Kringle Memorial Tournament at East

Mountain Country Club in Westfield on Friday, July 17.

Finishing in a tie for third at 8-over par (79) were Roxanne Garceau, of Woodstock, Conn., and Mia Grzywinski, of Farmington, Conn.

This was Garvin's fifth victory of the 2015 season, and has a remarkable 72.7 stroke average in her seven tournament rounds.

Golf outing to benefit Parish Cupboard

FEEDING HILLS - The 23rd annual Parish Cupboard Golf Outing will be held Monday, July 13, at St. Anne Country Club, 781 Shoemaker Lane. Proceeds from the event benefit Agawam and West Springfield residents assisted at the Parish Cupboard, 1023

Main St., West Springfield.

The tournament will feature contests, a raffle, dinner and awards program.

Cost is \$100 per person, and \$500 "four the poor," which includes hole sponsorship and foursome. Registration will be from 10 to 11 a.m. and will include coffee

and pastries, followed by a shotgun start at 11 a.m.

There will be a cocktail hour from 4 to 5 p.m. A buffet dinner and awards program will begin at 5 p.m. Dinner only is available for \$25.

Registration with payment may be mailed to The

Parish Cupboard Golf Outing, 1023 Main St., West Springfield, MA 01089 with name, address, email address and payment. For more information, call 413-734-7969 or visit parishcupboard@aol.com.

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After a ground out, Malerba would get hit by a pitch. Near then came to the plate and singled home two runs to make it 6-0.

Page would also get hit by a pitch, but was stranded after a strikeout ended the inning. Two more runs came across to score early in the fourth inning. Kerr would double and stole third base. O'Keefe would single him home and made it 7-0. White had a single to send home O'Keefe to make it 8-0.

Agawam did not stop from there, tacking on a couple more runs in the inning. Agawam scored runs in the fifth and sixth inning

Meanwhile, starting pitcher Kevin Lecuyer was in cruise control and he got some great help from the defense, which played

nearly flawless baseball as the game went on.

East Longmeadow was held to just one run for the first four innings before they were able to push anything across. East Longmeadow would threaten in the first inning with a two-out baserunner, but a groundout finished that inning.

Post 293 also threatened with a pair of runners in the top of the third inning thanks to an error. They got one run out of the deal, but Lecuyer prevented any further damage. He also had a good shutdown inning in the fourth.

The victory advanced Agawam in the tournament to a matchup against Chicopee.

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'Hometown' kids aid African orphanage

St. David's Episcopal Church concluded its Vacation Bible School last week. The theme for the week was "Hometown Nazareth." Thirty children came together to learn about what life was like for Jesus as a boy. They sang songs about God, did crafts based on the tasks of life in ancient Israel, and played games.

The children also enjoyed Mary's house where Mary told the children stories about Jesus. The week ended with an ice cream party and water day.

Linda Birk, coordinator of VBS this year, was particularly proud of the participation of the children and their families in an outreach project. Children wrote cards and

contributed money to support the Mampong Babies Home in Ghana, Africa. The home is an orphanage supported by the Episcopal Church and friends.

St. David's is at 699 Springfield St. in Feeding Hills. Sunday services are at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. All are welcome.

Legals

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD14P0549EA
Estate of: Anthony Theodore Spryzenski
Date of Death: 01/14/2014
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER TO RENDER**

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by: **Toomey O'Brien Funeral Home** of Springfield MA requesting that the Court enter an Order that **Lee A Spryzenski** of Agawam MA be ordered to render an Account and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 08/13/2015.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: July 13, 2015
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
7/23/15

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD11P0683GD
In the interests of:
Charles E Ryans o/w
Charles Ervin Ryan
Of Feeding Hills, MA
formerly of
Springfield, MA
RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/
Protected Person
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF A GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Department of Developmental Services** of Springfield, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court:

Remove the Guardian of

the Respondent.

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 08/11/2015. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expenses.

WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court
Date: July 13, 2015
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
7/23/15

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD15P1288PM
In the matter of:
Frances Taylor
Of: Agawam, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/
Minor)**

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Heritage Hall West** of Agawam, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Frances Taylor** is in need of a Conservator or other pro-

TECTIVE order and requesting that **Jonathan J Davey** of Quincy, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 08/10/2015. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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Witness, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 13, 2015
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
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**AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
July 1, 2015**

Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Public Library Community Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on **Monday, August 10, 2015 at 6:30PM** for all parties interested in the appeal of **OMG, Inc.**, which is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-56 to allow for the installation of roof stacks which will be higher than the allowed height requirement at the premises identified as 153 Bowles Road.

Doreen Prouty Chairperson
Agawam Board of Appeals
7/23, 7/30/15

Obituaries

Jane B. David, 72

Jane (Brooks) David, 72, died Thursday, July 16, in Mercy Medical Center. She was born and grew up in Leominster and has lived in Agawam and Springfield for most of her life.

Jane worked as a Realtor, was a member of the National Realtor Association and achieved Century 21's Million Dollar Sales Club status many times.

She was a longtime member of Sacred Heart Parish in Feeding Hills, currently a member of Holy Name Parish in Springfield and was a past president of the PTO.

She leaves her children, Christine D. Farmer and her husband Larry of Upper Marlboro, Md., Anita Jane David of Trumbull, Conn., Andrew Brooks David of West Springfield and Jonathan F. David of Agawam; her sister, Beverly May Maki and her husband Tom of Leominster; grandchildren Grace A. and Ethan W. David; Godchildren Keith A. Maki, Laura M. Bailey and

husband Tyson, and Brian D. Maki; cousins Carol, Bob and Mary; and her former husband George W. David. She was predeceased by her parents, Clarence F. Brooks and wife Louise; her aunt Ruth and cousins Connie, Barbara and Nancy.

The funeral was July 21 from Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, followed by Mass in Sacred Heart Church. Burial was in Springfield Street Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in honor of Jane B. David to St. Leo's Parish, 128 Main St., Leominster, MA 01453, or to Sacred Heart Church, 1103 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. For more information, visit curranjones.com.



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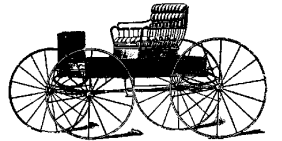
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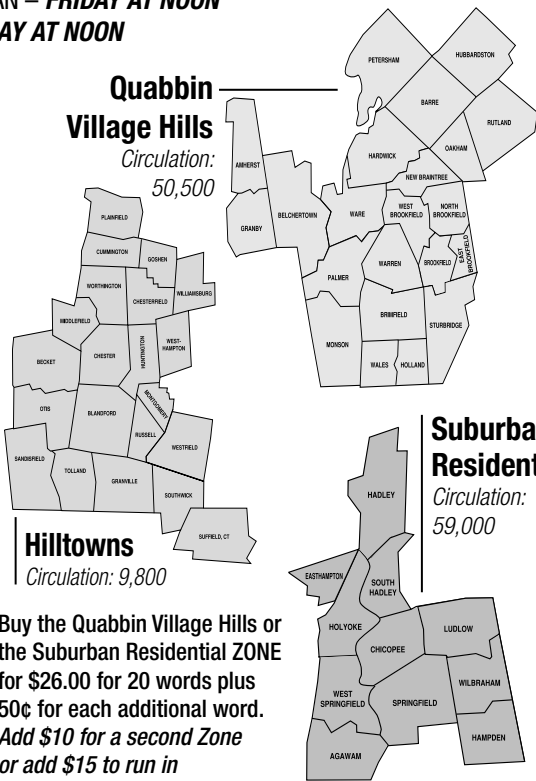
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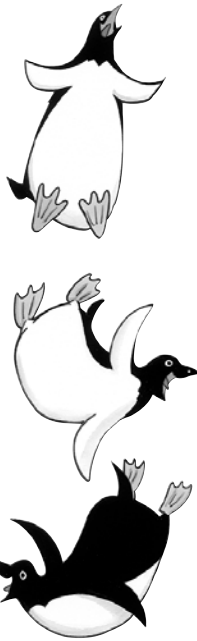
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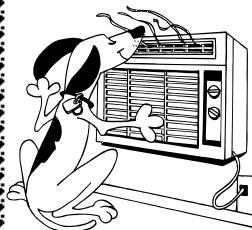
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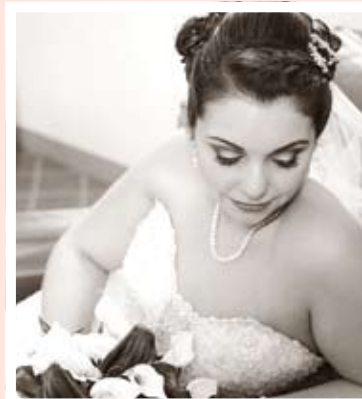
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